



NASA Policy Directive

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Subject: Recommendations for Military Awards and Decoration to Military Personnel Assigned to NASA (Revalidated 3/29/04)

Responsible Office: Export Control & Interagency Liaison Division

1. Policy

- a. NASA supervisors are encouraged to recognize outstanding performance of both active and reserve military personnel engaged in NASA-related activities by submitting recommendations for military awards and decorations.
- b. All NASA recommendations for military awards and decorations will be submitted through appropriate NASA Headquarters organizations.
- c. The presentation of military awards and decorations will be conducted with appropriate formality and will reflect the high esteem with which the military services regard their outstanding personnel.

2. Applicability

This NPD applies to NASA Headquarters and NASA Centers, including Component Facilities.

3. Authority

Section 203(c)(12) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(12)).

4. Reference

- a. NPD 3280.3, Detail of Military Personnel to NASA.
- b. Department of Defense Instruction 1348.33, Military Awards Program, dated August 26, 1985.

5. Responsibility

- a. NASA supervisors who believe that military individuals with whom they conducted NASA-related activities may be entitled to military awards and decorations are encouraged to contact the Director, Aerospace Technology & Interagency Liaison Division, Office of External Relations, to obtain information and assistance on these actions.
- b. Recommendations for military awards and decorations for military personnel assigned to NASA Headquarters will be submitted through supervisory channels, including the appropriate Official-in-Charge of Headquarters Offices, for concurrence.
- c. Recommendations for military awards and decorations for military personnel assigned to NASA Centers, including Component Facilities, will be submitted to the appropriate Center Director and Official-in-Charge of Headquarters Offices for concurrence.
- d. Recommendations will then be forwarded to the Director, Aerospace Technology & Interagency Liaison Division, Office of External Relations, for review and transmittal to the Department of Defense. Recommendations should arrive in that Division within 9 months of the act or period of performance being recognized.
- e. Presentations of military awards and decorations to detailees should be made by the Division Director or higher level official in the organization in which the detailee is serving.

6. Delegation of Authority

None.

7. Measurements

None.

8. Cancellation

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